

Fate of programs tied to union contract talks

By CHRIS MANGEN

Lincoln — The Regents granted three UNO programs a last-minute reprieve Saturday.

If the professors union at UNO can settle with the administration on a contract before the April 14 Regents meeting, cuts in Black studies, the Writer's Workshop and the Teaching the Hearing Impaired Program may not have to be made.

While the Regents decided Saturday to delay final action on the UNO cuts being made in the 2 percent reallocation process, the board approved changes to be made at the Nebraska Medical Center and at UNL.

"If we can settle with them . . . they'll see no need to continue with the reallocation process," said Janet West, head of the American Association of University Professors chapter at UNO. "We are willing to operate within their fiscal constraints."

West said she was somewhat surprised at the motion introduced by Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island to delay the final action.

The motion called for the UNO AAUP to try to resolve collective bargaining for 1983-84 and

1984-85 contracts before April 14, when the next Regents meeting will be held.

If a contract is not negotiated, the cut proposals are scheduled to be passed at the April 14 meeting.

The Regents had ordered the elimination of the equivalent of 19.25 faculty positions to provide money in case the Nebraska Commission on Industrial Relations ordered wage increases for the 1983-84 year.

West said she was more surprised at the addendum to the motion by Regent Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn.

"It's the first public statement I've seen that they want to resolve the salary dispute through the bargaining process," West said, adding she thinks agreement could be reached before the April 14 meeting.

Regent Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln said the Regents have always supported higher salaries for professors, but the Legislature has never allocated enough money to implement the raises.

"Many times we're criticized for the kind of increases we're requesting," Schwartzkopf said. "It has been our number-one priority."

He said recently the Regents have been portrayed as not supporting higher salaries.

UNO Student Regent Guy Mockelman, who has criticized both the Regents and the AAU for not working effectively to end the salary dispute, said he was pleased with the action taken Saturday.

"I'm a little surprised they're working this hard," he said. "I wanted them to prove me wrong, and I think they have."

He said he is hopeful the AAUP and the administration will reach an agreement before the April 14 meeting, so at least some of the cuts won't have to be implemented.

He said he hoped the action Saturday would show students they can have an impact on University decisions. Though he said it is hard to gauge, Mockelman said he thinks the large turnout at the public hearings at UNO Feb. 17 and the petition campaign by Students for Quality Education had an impact on the Regents.

About 500 persons attended the hearing, and 39 addressed the Regents. "I thought the Regents were very attentive and listened to a lot of testimony and they will take it into consid-

eration," said William Swanson, the Regents' Corporate Secretary.

West said there was "no question" the large turnout at the UNO hearing had an impact on the Regents.

She said after the public hearings, the Regents realized "the community as a whole is beginning to recognize UNO as a community asset."

She accused the Regents of dragging their feet in making the final decisions. "The negative aspect of this is it leaves people up in the air," West said. "It can be extremely destructive." She said many professors who thought they would lose their jobs have begun to seek employment elsewhere.

She said "part of game" is that the Regents want to discourage the formation of a union chapter at UNL, which the AAUP has been seeking.

After the Regents meeting Saturday, Mockelman said "Now we have hope, we really have to work hard."

He said that Student Government may initiate a writing campaign to state legislators and the Governor, supporting faculty salary raises.

First-round action

A soccer team composed of UNO students went undefeated through the first round of the Senior Invitational Indoor Soccer Tournament held at the UNO Fieldhouse Sunday.

Hosted by the UNO Sports Club, the tournament will resume next Sunday from noon until 3 p.m. Eight teams from the Omaha area and one team from Northwest Missouri State University have entered the tournament.

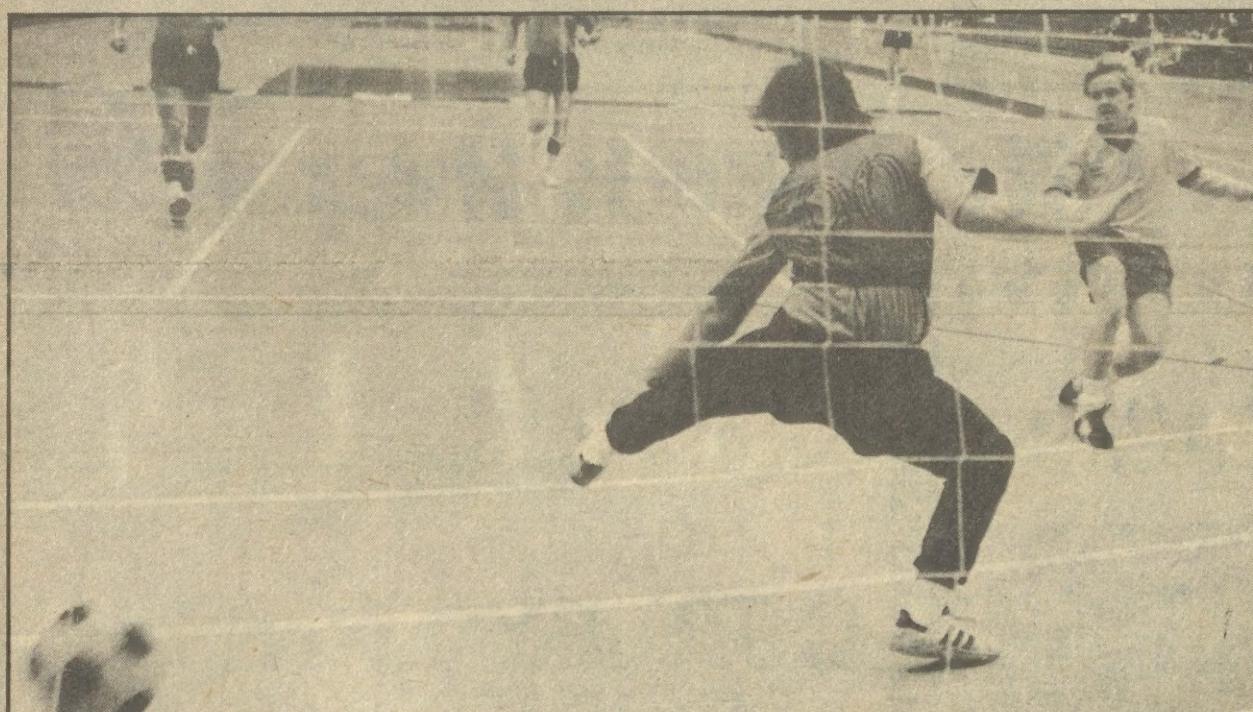
Teams from each of two divisions will play in the finals beginning about 3 p.m. Sunday. They are divided into separate categories, men of college age and those who are older.

In the preliminary competition Sunday, the UNO team defeated C.J.'s 2-1. They went on to shutout the Flamingo's 4-0 in their second game of the day.

Joe Kaminski, assistant coordinator for UNO campus recreation, said it appears the UNO team "will make it to the finals."

Admission to the tournament is \$2 for persons 19 and older, \$1 for students ages 6 through 18 and free to children under 5.

At left, UNO freshman Mike Moran scores a goal in first-round action.



Legislators, regents square off on sciences building

By HENRY CORDES

The NU Board of Regents last September allocated \$10 million for the construction of a lab sciences building at UNO, voting that the University's request for \$14.5 million was not justified.

But the capital construction appropriations bill that emerged from the Legislature's appropriations committee last week restored the \$4.5 million cut by the Regents. It was a move that surprised and pleased UNO officials, but angered at least three regents.

Omaha Sen. Glenn Goodrich, a member of the appropriations committee, said he motioned to amend the lab sciences allocation because he felt the \$10 million structure would not meet UNO's needs.

Goodrich said that with a \$10 million building, the UNO natural science disciplines would have to be split up because the chemistry department would not fit in the new building. When allocation for the building was reduced, the square footage was decreased by one third, from 90,000 square feet to 60,000, he said.

"If we're going to solve fiscal needs let's solve them," he said. "Let's not go part way."

The Legislature passed the University's capital construction bill on first reading last Tuesday. Since then, at least three regents have voiced displeasure over the additional \$4.5 million.

"I don't call a \$10 million building bare-boned," Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk said after the Regents meeting in Lincoln Saturday.

She said she did not feel UNO's enrollment figures justified the larger building.

Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff said the Legislature's action is a case of "running the university by political clout instead of serious consideration of what the needs are."

Joseph Wood, president of the UNO Faculty Senate, said the



Wood



Robinson

Regents gave little serious consideration to reducing the building to a \$10 million structure.

"They didn't give a reason," he said. "They did not debate the building publicly. If they debated at all, it was in private, and I'm not even certain they did that, considering the foolish statements about the building at least one regent has made." Wood said he was referring to Regent Chairman Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln.

At a budget hearing last month, appropriations committee members asked Schwartzkopf why the UNO building had been downgraded.

Schwartzkopf said lab space was not a need at UNO. He said he discovered this after discussions with faculty during a visit to UNO.

Wood said he cannot understand how Schwartzkopf arrived

at that conclusion. He said during the Regent's visit, he showed Schwartzkopf a lab students were constructing in a basement boiler room of Arts and Sciences Hall.

Wood said he felt the cut in the allocation was "arbitrary" and another case of Regents Schwartzkopf, Robinson, Simmons and Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City block-voting against UNO.

Goodrich said he would rather not discuss the Regents' motives, but added, "We all know what's going on down there. You don't have to be a genius to know what they're doing."

Many conflicts have developed between the Legislature and regents during the current session. Especially notable is LR 225CA, a constitutional amendment which would have put university finances under direct control of the legislature. It did not pass.

Wood said he thought LR 225CA was an issue in the additional \$4.5 million allocation, saying it gave "the opportunity for some senators to communicate an intent to the Regents."

"It had nothing to do with that," Goodrich said. "It was increased simply to try to solve the problem instead of pretending like the problem doesn't exist."

He said it was not the first time the Legislature had overridden an action by the Regents.

"We do it all the time, thank goodness," he said.

He added that even if the capital construction bill is passed by the legislature, the Regents could still block funding for the lab sciences building by choosing not to use the \$4.5 million for the building.

Goodrich said he did not feel that would be a prudent use of the Regents' power.

"Next year, we would have to review the budget needs of the University, and I'm sure they would have a difficult time explaining some of their needs when they had us less than happy with them," he said.

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El Salvador ambassador defends U.S. military aid

By MARLA GOLDBERG

"The guerillas alone in El Salvador have no chance of winning a military victory. They must be supported externally to win," according to the El Salvador ambassador to the United States.

Ernesto Rimas-Gallont spoke to about 25 people in the UNO Student Center last Wednesday. He said the Soviets financially support the war, with the help of Cuba and other Soviet satellite countries, by storing weapons for the guerrillas in Nicaragua.

He said, "Greatly increased aid from the U.S. is needed or the (Salvadoran) government might collapse. He said the current president has done a good job, but 'has only matches and toothpicks to work with.'

The UNO College Republicans brought Rimas-Gallont to UNO in cooperation with the Nebraska Conservatives for Freedom. Members of an ad hoc citizens group opposed to the U.S. involvement in El Salvador booed the ambassador when he was introduced.

Reading from a prepared speech, Rimas-Gallont said that with increased aid to Central America, the Red Cross would receive more supplies, and the Salvadorans, "proper assistance." This financial aid could help save victims of the war, according to Rimas-Gallont.

But, he added, "the crisis in Central America will not proceed on the U.S. presidential election schedule."

Rimas-Gallont said if the government succumbs to Guerrilla attacks, "you in the U.S. will suffer the consequences."

According to the March 19 issue of Newsweek Magazine, the right wing has until March 25, the date of the Salvadoran presidential election, to wait for action. The Jan. 23 issue of the magazine reports that if Jose Napoleon

Duarte, a moderate Christian democrat, wins the election, the Salvadoran Army may intervene to prevent his rule, as it did when he was elected president in 1982. But, the magazine said, if Roberto d'Aubuisson, "archconservative and alleged godfather of the Salvadoran 'death squads'" loses, his supporters may retaliate with another killing rampage.

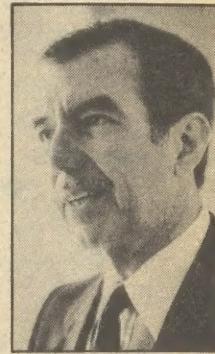
Rimas-Gallont said "Despite the facts about 'death squads,' political murders have decreased by 75 percent since 1980. "The worst political killing occurred during the Carter Administration," he said.

The ambassador said he personally opposes d'Aubuisson's election, but added that he feels it would bring more military aid to El Salvador. "If the people of my country elect him, then so be it," he said.

Rimas-Gallont was asked if he thought U.S. military aid should be tied to human rights progress, as was the conclusion of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America. He said "I don't think Reagan is trying to circumvent this finding."

Rimas-Gallont commented on Reagan's attempt to pass through Congress a military aid bill linked with an African food relief bill. He said conditions should accompany the African bill. "Condition in aid is a U.S. problem" he said. "But certainly it has vast effects in my country."

He said efforts must be made to maintain democracy in El Salvador.



Rimas-Gallont

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KVNO, a fine arts public radio station, has planned special events and programs to involve and entertain sports buffs and music lovers. Each day, the drive will incorporate the themes

of two previous Olympic games. The station also plans to broadcast historical capsules of news from past Olympic periods each hour.

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Regents reprieve

UNO got some good news Saturday.

If the UNO AAUP and the administration can come to terms before the next Regents meeting, ordered cuts in three academic areas may not have to be made.

The head of UNO AAUP, Janet West, seemed optimistic that the two parties can reach an agreement by then.

Too bad the groups couldn't have come to an agreement earlier. Even if they do come up with a contract acceptable to both sides before the Regents meeting, damage has already been done.

West and other campus officials say the cut proposals lowered faculty morale. They say many faculty members targeted for elimination were already looking for new jobs.

The Regents waited until the last possible minute to delay the vote on the proposed eliminations.

Most likely at least part of the motivation for doing that is to discourage the UNL faculty members from joining the AAUP. The news of the cuts at UNO certainly had to discourage professors from joining.

Regents and other university officials at the Saturday meeting seemed to agree that the students' efforts to block implementation of the proposed cuts were at least partly responsible for Saturday's action.

Student President/Regent Guy Mockelman said Saturday he hopes to capitalize on the success of the campaign against the cuts by encouraging students to write letters to state legislators and the governor.

The details haven't been worked out yet, but Mockelman said he envisions setting up a table in the Student Center where students can get envelopes and stamps courtesy of Student Government.

—CHRIS MANGEN



The Philosophicker

By Jeffrey A. Kallman

I've had my fun regarding the latest round of the school prayer debate. My fun may have been misinterpreted by a handful, given that a little fun is often taken as either blasphemy or carelessness. Being neither breed, I am compelled to commit clarification.

1) So long as the fine line between the communication of understanding and the aspiration of indoctrination is obeyed to the letter, one cannot object to the discourse of religion within the non-private school. In other words, it is a legitimate addition to the public school curriculum to compose an overview, then initiate dialogue, regarding history, custom and philosophy of religion, unless such is presented as means of *indoctrination* rather than comprehension.

2) Having said that, it is useful to remember the aim of education is to yield the capacity to inquire. Classrooms are not inherently processing plants of propagandism, and it is foolish to suggest such a transformation toward that end. If we learned nothing else from the bitterness of the 1960s, we ought to have

learned what happens when education is held hostage by an upswing of orthodoxy which permits no realistic discourse, respects no genuine investigation, and is therefore a hindrance to the pursuit of education.

3) What both ends of the school prayer debate have failed to comprehend is the fact that not once has the Supreme Court specifically denied individuals the right to say a prayer of their own accord in any place where the impulse strikes. Nor did it prohibit groups of individuals from gathering according to *their own wishes* for a session of devotions.

I remember, during my high school years, one or two groups of Christian and Jewish students gathering respectively for pre-class devotions (I often participated in the latter), and not once did anyone suggest that we were attempting to dominate a comprehensive school spiritual mission.

4) Accept the presumption, based upon a traditionally granted rule of thumb that the United States is, by and large, a religious nation. Meaning a majority of its citizens maintain faith in God

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(I am one of them).

Is it therefore requisite that the rights of the minority should be disrespected?

On this point, conservatives and liberals have found largely common ground: in philosophical practice, conservatives have, in Mr. Alan Crawford's language, "stressed the need to take into account competing interests as well as numbers, to ensure that minorities are protected from the onslaught of majorities and civilized society from outbursts of momentary public angers and enthusiasms."

Whatever their failures, liberals who sought above all to hasten an evolutionary process could not ignore the philosophical foundation. It was this argument which supported James Madison during the debates over the Bill of Rights, when he asked: "Who is it that cannot see, that the same which would regulate Christianity, to the exclusion of all other religions, would then have to regulate a particular sect of Christians, to the exclusion of all others?"

5) To return to the first point, it is often argued that such an overview and dialogue as therein suggested allows for precious little obedience to the higher order which is natural and desirable. But the idea behind such a dialogue is to forge a reasonable comprehension of the individuality of various faiths.

The Constitution is quite clear on such matters and it is unwise to exaggerate that which is already part of our order; or to implicitly challenge the next one's rights.

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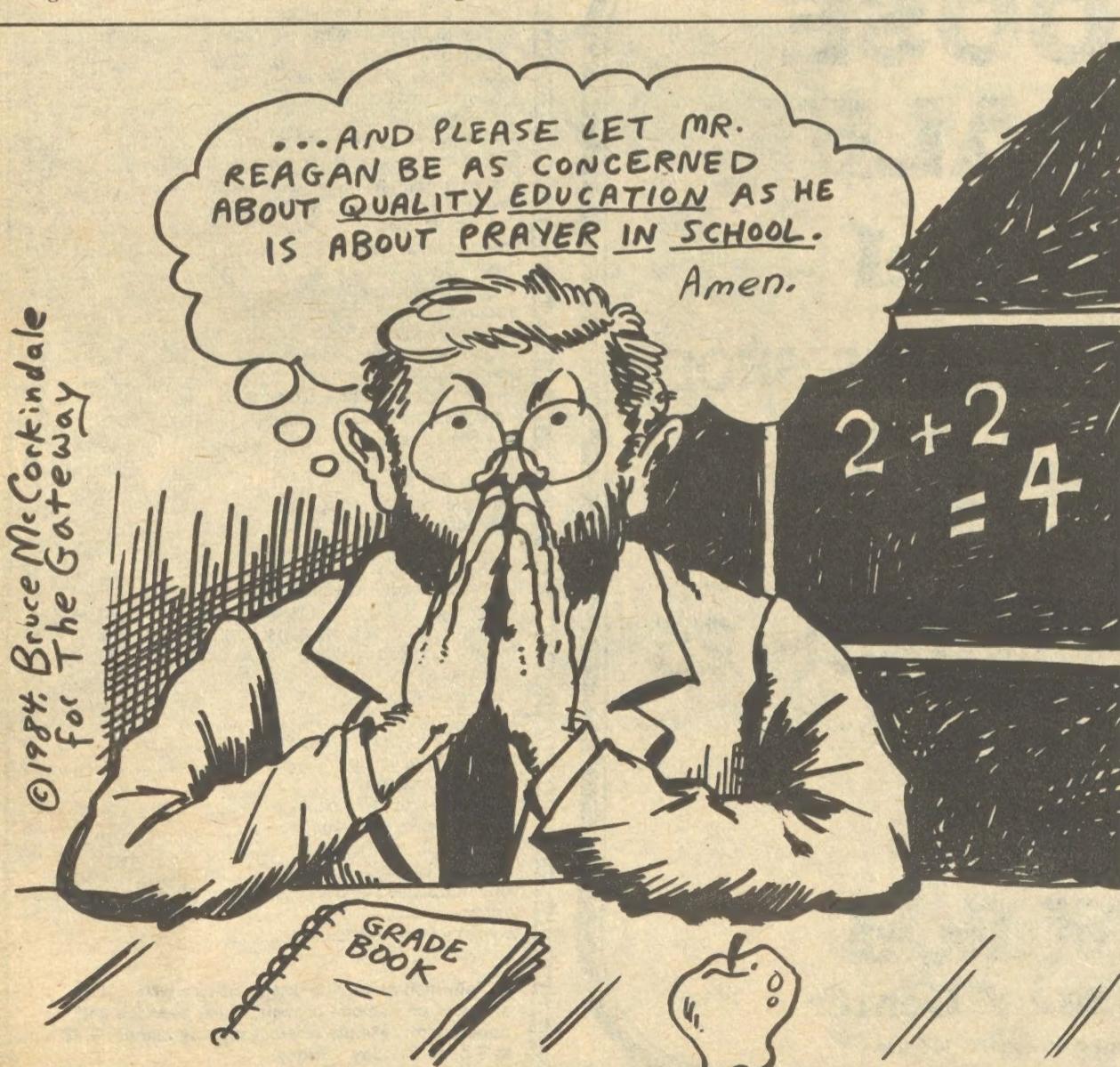
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'Red Skelton of the '80s' coming to UNO Thursday

Entertainer Tim Settimi will bring his award-winning show to the UNO Student Center Thursday night. Because his act is similar to modern day vaudeville, Settimi has been called the "Red Skelton of the 1980s." His show combines mime, traditional stand-up comedy, music and ventriloquism.

Born in Oak Park, Illinois, Settimi began his career while in college. He played in a variety of rock 'n' roll bands for local fraternities, clubs and colleges.

He earned a Fine Arts degree and went on to study with the Pocket Mime Theater of Boston. Shortly thereafter, he began work on the college circuit.

According to his agent, Joey Edmonds, the variety of Settimi's show makes him especially appealing to college students. However, Edmonds said, he has universal appeal to all age groups.

Settimi's appeal has earned him the 1983 National Association for Campus Activities Award as both Best Comedy-Novelty and Variety Act and Best Performing Arts-Dance-Mime act. He was also runner-up to the Police as Best Act of the Year.

Settimi's work with Tim Conway in "The Prize Fighter" has opened up possibilities for other film roles, Edmonds said. He has also made guest appearances on "Laff-Off" and more than 10 other cable broadcasts.

During his career, Settimi has played notable comedy clubs including Catch a Rising Star and the Improvisation Club in New York City and the Cafe Debris in Atlanta. He has been an opening act for Steve Martin, Henny Youngman and Joni Mitchell. He finds his niche, however, in the college campus circuit.

In a show consisting of about 30 percent mime, Settimi uses elements of psychology, elementary illusion and improvisation to take audiences through a whole spectrum of emotional responses.



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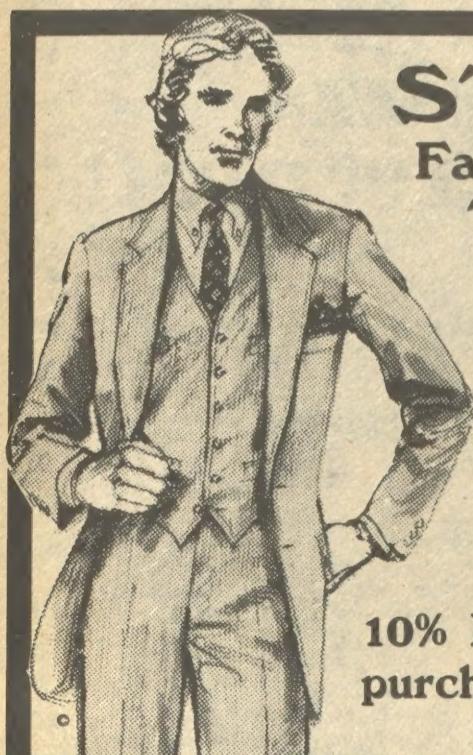
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February 10, 1984

**TO: The University of Nebraska Board of Regents
The UNO Chapter of AAUP**

The controversy that has existed between the AAUP and the Regents has progressed to the point where it is now having a profound negative effect on the UNO learning environment and the general campus community. The quality of the education offered to students is being eroded with ever-increasing magnitude because of the negative repercussions generated by the political tug-of-war between the AAUP and the Board of Regents. Because of this unfortunate dilemma, UNO has entered into an unflattering position, not only in the Omaha community, but within the University System and the State of Nebraska.

This is a very serious situation because those who stand to experience the full impact, the greatest loss, are the students; the primary reason the institution was created was to provide high-quality education for students. The students not only are losing a quality education and its academic credibility, but they are also losing their respect and confidence in those they entrust their learning and direction — i.e., the people they observe, learn from, and who provide the students with the best possible education. The years spent obtaining an education would likely be more productive and worthwhile if the students had greater evidence that those individuals involved in this controversy had the students' interest at heart — but it appears that this is not occurring.

Thus, the students and this Council on Student Affairs strongly urge and request that the AAUP and the Board of Regents come to an agreement and resolve their differences. Such resolution will allow everyone, including students, to more fully concentrate their energies and abilities into maintaining and improving UNO which, ultimately, will enhance the quality of education into which the students can become immersed.

The students realize that both parties have reasons to support their actions and decisions, and are not making judgment. We want to remind you that your existence lies in the service and the welfare of the University, the students, and any and all aspects that directly or indirectly affect them. We feel that we are being neglected.

Can the students count on each of you to keep our best interests in mind? Will you help us to get past these present dilemmas and controversies? The motto of UNO is:

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Sports

Jones hopes to avoid injuries in final track campaign

By ERIC OLSON

Men's Track Coach Don Patton said he tries not to depend too heavily on one runner. But he always has an inkling that middle distance man Mike Jones will score big.

"Hopefully he'll score points," said Patton. "I try not to count on any until I see them on the board. There's too many variables."

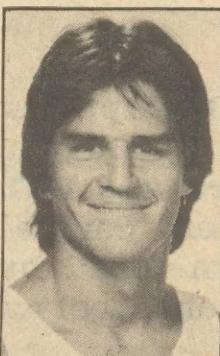
Those variables include injuries. And Jones has had his share during his Maverick track career.

In his freshman year, Jones quit the team after the indoor season because he was dissatisfied with his performances. He also battled recurring aches and pains.

"I did nothing for two months after I quit," Jones said. "Then, in the summer, I finished fifth in a road race, so I decided to come back."

When he saw Jones running in Elmwood Park after he left the team, Patton thought the runner would return. "I think he got a mental break and then came on strong."

Since he didn't compete in outdoor track during his freshman



Jones

season, Jones gained an extra season of eligibility. The fifth-year senior wasn't allowed to participate in indoor track this year, though.

Patton said Jones has been hampered by a sore knee and other common runner ailments during his career. Jones is entering this season as the defending North Central Conference champion in the outdoor 1500 meter run, and Patton thinks he will emerge as a leader on this year's squad. "If we get him through this season without any injuries, we know we will get points from him," he said.

But Jones' season suffered a setback last year when he strained a hamstring at the national meet. The injury was made worse because it happened in an event other than his own.

After qualifying for the 1500 finals, he was forced to anchor the mile relay team because the usual runner, Tim Freeburg, sustained an injury in the hurdling competition. Jones competed in the 1500 finals, but was slowed by the injury.

Patton said he was forced to insert Jones on the relay team so UNO would receive its \$800 reimbursement fee the NCAA pays for travel expenses. "A team has to compete in every event it enters to receive the money," said Patton.

"We would have run a shot putter in that situation just to get the money," he said. "Mike was available, so we used him."

Jones was barely available. He finished his qualifying heat in

the 1500 only 45 minutes before the mile relay race. NCAA rules require that a team must give a good effort to receive its reimbursement.

"I ran my leg of the race at a hard pace," said Jones. "I had to make it look good."

Patton said Jones' chronic injury situation is caused by over-work in training. Although he trains at the same amount of mileage as other middle distance runners, Jones runs more intervals.

"The way I go about training isn't par for middle distance people," the Boys Town graduate said. "I usually run an hour and a half of straight intervals three times a week."

His hard work has paid off, though. Jones' bests are a 3:47.1 in the 1500 meters and a 1:48 in the half mile.

Jones' achievements don't go unnoticed by team members. "If you can do half of what Mike Jones can do, you're doing a lot," said teammate Mike Wellington.

Since this is Jones' last season, he has become a leader to team members, according to Patton. He isn't a stereotype leader who rants and raves, though. "He's not one to give speeches or pep talks," said Patton. "He just competes and says, 'Follow me.'"

Opinion

Lit-up steeple, cold pop, pizza . . . quirks of UNO sports

In the nine months I've written sports at The Gateway, I've become quite fond of the little quirks of the UNO Athletic Department.

Joe Falls, national sports columnist for The Sporting News, frequently lists his favorite things about covering sports. Well, I thought it only appropriate to take a crack at it myself.

So here are a few ramblings I'd like to offer about my experience in writing UNO sports.

There's nothing like sitting in the press box at tree-lined Al Caniglia Field on a Saturday evening in the fall. From my vantage point at the 50-yard line, one can see the lit-up steeple on the Administration Building. To that collegiate flavor, add Sandy Buda and his football team charging out onto the field before kickoff. The electricity is magnificent.

Add also the cold pop and pizza (mamma mia) that is served. It always makes me chuckle when I see sports information assistant Ernie May getting his hand slapped for sneaking an extra piece.

Then there's basketball. I consider myself lucky to have been able to report on the banner year of Bob Hanson and his corps.

This was Dean Thompson's year, no doubt. It's always heart-warming to see a hometown player be such an integral part of a team.

And let's not forget the others. Rickey Suggs' dunks enthused the Field House crowds immeasurably. Rick Keys' consistent scoring efforts could always be counted on. And Jeff Fichtel and Bill Jacobson seemed to always come up with that clutch basket underneath.

And one can't overlook wrestling. The team would win virtually any other Division II conference in the nation. But by competing in the North Central Conference, they didn't. Still, the guts and determination displayed by the wrestlers were admirable.

Coach Mike Denney's enthusiasm was apparent in every interview. He always mentioned as many names as he could. From the guy with the worst record who always seemed to be improving, to the standout sure to make Nationals, everyone got equal time from Denney.

It's been a pleasure reporting on the above mentioned sports and others, especially since the teams have been winning. Spring sports . . . you've got a tough act to follow.

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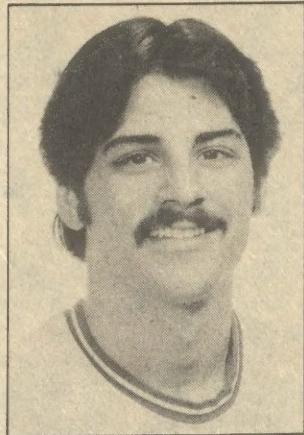
Mancuso strives to regain '82 form

After being the victim of bad breaks last season, Joe Mancuso is battling back to regain his form of two years ago when he was named most valuable pitcher in the North Central Conference.

Head Coach Bob Gates blames not only bad breaks, but the abbreviated schedule UNO played last year. "Joe didn't get a chance to show his pitching ability because we didn't get to play many games," Gates said.

Mancuso finished 3-3 in a season which saw 13 games, seven of those in the conference, cancelled because of bad weather. But the senior pitcher from Creighton Prep looked only to himself for his drop-off. "I didn't come through in tight situations," Mancuso said.

Mancuso's two non-conference losses came to Division I foes Nebraska and Murray State. He lost to South Dakota State in



Mancuso

extra innings after UNO committed two errors.

Gates plans to use Mancuso as a relief pitcher this year. "We need a guy that can stop a rally, and that's what Joe can do," Gates said.

Two seasons ago, Mancuso saved six games as a reliever. As a starter in 1982, Mancuso suffered a bad break early in the season when he pitched a one-hitter against North Dakota and lost.

Despite that, Mancuso wouldn't shy away from being a starter if he was needed. "I like to have the chance to start and finish a game," Mancuso said. "I also like to come in and save a game for someone else, too."

The 5'10", 155-pounder won't just be pitching this year, though. He will also play shortstop. Mancuso hit .282 last year with 10 RBI's and two home runs.

Gates likes his versatility. "If I had to pick one out of 21 players to start the team with, it would be Joe Mancuso," he said.

Even if Mancuso isn't on the field constantly, Gates will have peace of mind that he's always ready. "I'd keep him ready for relief or as a pinch hitter," Gates said. "He just does his job. Joe is valuable because he can play so many different positions."

Baseball team postpones opening games

It appears likely that the UNO baseball team won't open its season until next Monday when it begins its southern road trip at Nacogdoches, Texas.

As of Sunday, Head Coach Bob Gates said games this week against Doane, Nebraska Wesleyan and Kearney State would probably not be played. Last Saturday's game against Peru State was postponed because of snow.

Gates said the game with Peru may be rescheduled for this Friday. "I don't get too upset when we don't play this

time of year," Gates said.

The Mavs haven't had the chance to practice on their home field yet, either. Gates said the team has practiced 11 days on Al Caniglia Field, but most of its time has been spent inside the Fieldhouse.

"This hasn't been that bad of a season weatherwise," Gates said. "At least we've been outside. In my eight years here, we've only been outside three of those seasons by this time."

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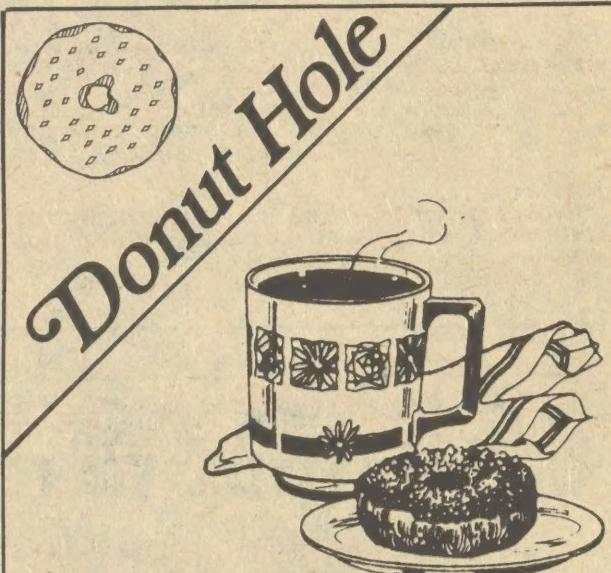
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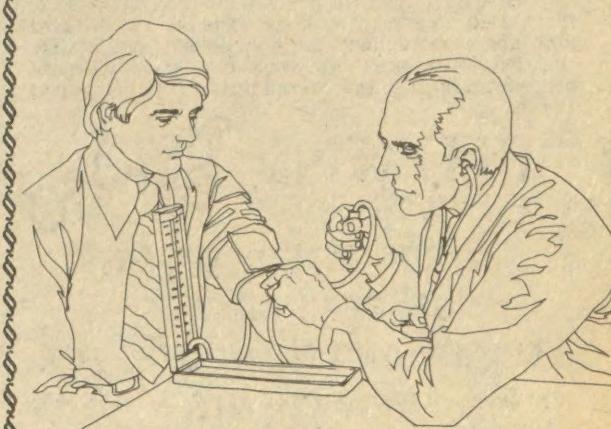
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